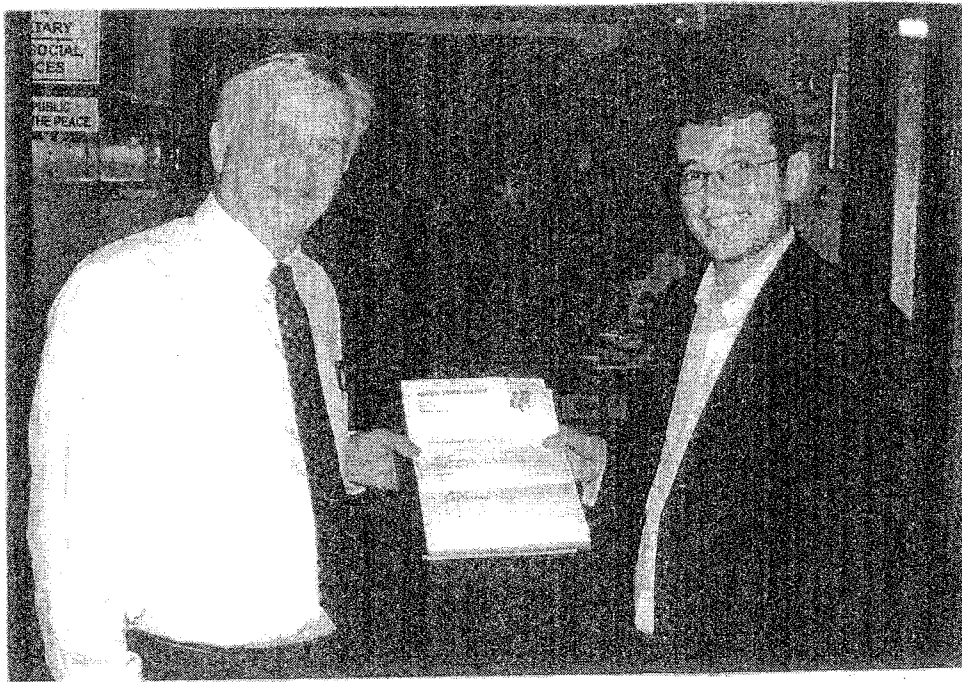


HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

This past fall, Daniel Adams from Alton, England visited our Town Hall and presented us with a Map of 17th Century Alton, located in Hampshire County, England, a letter from the Mayor and a book on their history, entitled "Bygone Alton". Mr. Adams wrote this article as re-printed in this Town Report, for "the "Alton Herald" upon his return to England:

"I decided to go on holiday to New Hampshire, USA, and I contacted the local council on the US who provided me with gifts and information to bring with me to the American Altonians. Upon my arrival I was given the grand tour of Alton, USA style. The Town is very small in comparison with Alton, UK, but despite the disparity in size, it seems community spirit is something that extends across both sides of the Atlantic. The Town has managed to preserve a great deal of its history. I was given a tour of their Town Hall including a climb into the clock tower and was privileged to be asked to sign my name as a lasting memory of my visit from Alton in England".



The Selectmen wish to thank the Town Hall employees and Parks & Recreation staff who organized the event for their British visitor and provided the tour and to others including Gwendolyn Jones, former Town Clerk, and Judith Fry, Chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, Russell Bailey, Town Administrator, Lisa Waterman, Town Clerk and local businesses.

The Town is appreciative of these gifts of friendship which may be viewed at the Town Hall.

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